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>>>NEWS

AIR POLLUTION

Industry Comments Say EPA Lacks Authority
Under Clean Air Act to Set Uniform Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency does not have authority under the Clean Air Act to promulgate uniform emissions standards that the agency later could apply in rulemakings for specific source categories, industry groups said in comments....

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DRILLING

Interior Plans Nov. 7 Oil, Gas Lease Sale
For National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said Sept. 25 that the Bureau of Land Management plans to hold a lease sale Nov. 7 for acreage in the National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska on the state's North Slope....

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DRILLING

USGS Releases Reports on Sampling
Of Contaminated Groundwater in Wyoming

DENVER--The U.S. Geological Survey released two new reports (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/ds/718/>) Sept. 26 on groundwater contamination in a natural gas field near Pavillion, Wyo., that the Environmental Protection Agency had previously...

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ENDANGERED SPECIES

Canadian Court Asked to Order Recovery
Plans for Species Along Pipeline Route

VANCOUVER, B.C.--Environmental groups Sept. 25 asked the Federal Court of Canada to order the federal government to produce recovery strategies for four threatened or endangered species they say would be affected by the proposed Enbridge...

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ENERGY**Cargill Lawsuit Seeks Damages From Broker
In Renewable Fuel Credit Fraud Case**

Food and agricultural producer Cargill Inc. is seeking damages in federal court from a commodities trader that allegedly refused to replace renewable fuel credits that were later found to be fake (Cargill Inc. v. International Exchange Services...
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ENERGY**House Should Let Wind Tax Credit Expire,
47 Republican Lawmakers Tell Leadership**

Forty-seven House Republicans have written to House Speaker John Boehner(R-Ohio) urging the House to let the production tax credit for wind energy expire in December....
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ENERGY**Virginia Seeks Bids for Ocean Bottom Study
To Help Development of Offshore Wind Power**

The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy is seeking bids to conduct a publicly funded geophysical study of the offshore ocean bottom to assist prospective private sector entities interested in developing wind energy stations...
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ENERGY**Workspace Lighting, Advanced Power Strips
Could Provide Significant Savings, GSA Says**

Workplace-specific lighting and advanced power strips could provide between 27 percent and 63 percent energy savings in buildings, according to two studies released by the General Services Administration on Sept. 26....
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HAZARDOUS WASTE**Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Bill
Could Take Up to Three Years to Implement**

Legislation to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system, which is expected to be signed soon by President Obama. will save hazardous waste handlers tens of millions of dollars when fully implemented, but it will take two to three...
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HAZMAT TRANSPORT**Coast Guard to Allow Alternative Pressure
Relief Valve Settings for Some Cargo Tanks**

The U.S. Coast Guard plans to issue a policy letter establishing alternative pressure relief valve settings for certain cargo tanks transporting liquefied bulk gases in U.S. waters, according to a notice (<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2012-23772.pdf>)...
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NANOTECHNOLOGY**Lawmaker Challenges European Commission
Over Nondisclosure of Nanomaterials Advice**

BRUSSELS--A member of the European Parliament is challenging in court a European Commission refusal to disclose an opinion on a French law on nanomaterials in a test of the transparency of lawmaking processes (Schlyter v. Commission, EU General...
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NATURAL RESOURCES**Federal Appeals Court Says Forest Service
Has Authority to Limit Motor Vehicle Use**

LOS ANGELES--The U.S. Forest Service acted within its legal authority in limiting the use of motor vehicles in California's Eldorado National Forest, even if the restrictions reduce access to mining claims, a federal appeals court ruled...
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PESTICIDES**EPA to Cancel Last Remaining Uses of Halofenozide**

The Environmental Protection Agency plans to cancel the registrations of the last remaining halofenozide products registered for use in the United States, according to a notice (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-09-26/pdf/2012-23517.pdf>)...
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PESTICIDES

EPA to Review 19 Pesticide Registrations To Ensure They Meet Safety Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency will review 19 registered pesticides to ensure that they continue to meet the statutory standard for registration under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, according to a notice...
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PESTICIDES

Pesticides Committee to Meet on State Issues

The Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee of the State-FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG) will meet Oct. 15-16 to discuss pesticide issues that affect state authorities, according to a notice (<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2012-23824.pdf>)...
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PIPELINE SAFETY

California Governor Signs More Pipeline Safety Bills

LOS ANGELES--California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) signed two bills Sept. 23 to expedite natural gas pipeline safety projects. One bill (A.B. 2564 (http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_2551-2600/ab_2564_bill_20120923_chaptered.html))...
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SOLID WASTE

Puerto Rican Group Announces Intent To Sue AES Over Disposal of Coal Ash

The law firm Public Justice, which represents the Puerto Rican citizens group Comit Dialogo Ambiental, announced Sept. 26 its intent to sue Arlington, Va.-based AES Corp. over alleged violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery...
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SUPERFUND

Circumstantial Evidence of Disposal Deemed Sufficient to Proceed With CERCLA Claim

Circumstantial evidence of disposal of a hazardous substance is sufficient to proceed with a superfund contribution action against a former owner of a contaminated site, a federal court in Washington state has held (Iron Partners LLC v. Maritime...
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SUSTAINABILITY

Government Urging Federal Agencies To Pursue Car-Sharing, Other Initiatives

The federal government is launching an effort to encourage federal facilities in the same region to coordinate on transportation and pursue other sustainability initiatives, a federal official said....
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EU Agency Upgrading REACH Submission System

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) is upgrading its information technology (IT) submission system for REACH (Regulation No. 1907/2006 on the registration, evaluation, and authorization of chemicals), the agency said in a Sept. 25 announcement...
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Court Says Clean Water Suit Filed Too Soon After Coal Mine Owner Notified of Violations

Individuals and organizations seeking to protect the Black Warrior River in Alabama filed a Clean Water Act lawsuit against a coal mine owner too soon after giving the mine notice of their intent to sue, a federal district court in Alabama has...
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WATER POLLUTION

Webinar Set on Pretreatment Rules for Hauled Waste

The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a webinar Oct. 24 on pretreatment regulations governing the acceptance of hauled waste at publicly owned wastewater facilities. The two-hour webcast, which will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., will...

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EPA Works Toward Synthesis of Information

On Evolving Economics of U.S. Water Supply

The Environmental Protection Agency has compiled a set of reports to help government and the private sector deal with the changing value and use of water and the potential impacts of water scarcity on U.S. economic activity....

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